



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

C.T. Wright (Chairman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Vice-Chairman), Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Bernadine Hoffman, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith (Secretary), Anne Morrison, Allison Perrin, Trudy Schuett, Karen Zanzucchi, Phyllis Antone, Vanessa Deatherage, Cydney Demodica, Jay Dunkleberger, Babak Nayeri and Cindy Saverino

Council Members Absent

None

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Berntari Crosby

Guests Present and Signing In

Dr. Nelma Shearer

Call to Order & Welcome

Council Chairman C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 1, 2012 and November 2, 2012 Annual Planning meetings were reviewed. *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Charles Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

HARTFORD CENTER OF GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING EXCELLENCE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH INNOVATION AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Dr. Nelma Shearer provided a presentation on the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence College of Nursing and Health Innovation at Arizona State University. According to Dr. Shearer, the mission of the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, in alignment with their funder, John A Hartford Foundation, is to increase the number of high quality doctoral and post-doctoral level faculty in geriatric nursing needed to teach in graduate and undergraduate

academic nursing programs throughout Arizona and surrounding Southwestern states. A copy of Dr. Shearer's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging's Office.

Council Chair Report

Council Chairman C.T. Wright informed the Council that he, the Vice Chairwoman and the Executive Director had visited legislative leadership at House and Senate to build awareness of the Council and ensure support for Senior Action Days. According to Council Chairman Wright, Senior Action Days will be scheduled in October, and a social event, only, is scheduled for March 21, 2013 in the Senate. Council Chairman Wright presented a certificate of appreciation to Allison Perrin for her service as a member of the Council at which time Dr. Perrin informed the group that she would seek reappointment, as her peers had requested.

Council Chairman C.T. Wright reported that the Arizona Department of Health Service, Office of Oral Health had requested a letter of support from the Council for a funding application. *George Evanoff made a motion to provide a letter of support to the Arizona's Department of Health Service, Office of Oral Health as requested; Doyle Meredith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Executive Director's Office Updates

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported that staff members are working to collect the final 2012 updates from Aging 2020 partners and all agency reports will then be posted. Ms. De Lisa provided an update on the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force reminding the Council members that the original Planning Group that launched the Task Force consists of the Governor's Office on Aging, the Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging & Adult Services, the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium, and the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter.

Liaison Reports

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – Phyllis Antone distributed flyers for the 25th Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference scheduled for April 15-18, 2013 at Talking Stick Resort. According to Ms. Antone, AICOA has held public hearings, their next quarterly meeting is scheduled later in March and congressional visits are scheduled in Washington, DC in April. Ms. Antone announced AIOCA is working on its By-laws and considering an application to host the NCOA national conference.

Area Agencies on Aging/Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Az4A) – Ms. Kennedy was not able to attend.

Arizona Department of Economic Security /Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) - Cindy Saverino, reporting on Melanie Starns' behalf, informed the Council that the State Plan on Aging focus groups have been successful so far. Ms. Saverino stated that what they are finding is that transportation issues continue to be a concern because of funding issues. Dr. Babak Nayeri interjected that the Arizona Department of Health Services has heard at the groups that access to health care is a concern in rural areas and that specialty care and caregiver services are also major concerns. Ms. Saverino stated that due to the possible sequestration, there may be a five (5) percent reduction in 2014 funding for Older Americans Act programs. DAAS staff is trying to minimize impact on services.

Arizona Department of Health Services – (ADHS) Dr. Babak Nayeri informed the Council that ADHS is partnering with the DAAS on the focus groups and is working on substance abuse and mental health disparities. Dr. Nayeri stated the sequestration is affecting prevention part of budget. Dr. Nayeri thanked the Council on Aging for its letter in support of the grant application for oral health funding.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Cydney Demodica reported that there will be over one million drivers over age 65 in Arizona by 2030, and ADOT is developing programs to help older drivers preserve their driving ability in an attempt to support seniors aging in place. According to Ms. Demodica, this is being done to help prepare the state for the growth in the aging driver population.

Arizona Department of Insurance – Liaison assignment pending

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Jay Dunkleberger reported the AHCCCS priorities for 2013 include advancing member directive options, improving care for dual eligible members (Medicaid/Medicare), and professionalization of the direct care workforce. Mr. Dunkleberger stated the use of self-directive attendant care has increased.

Attorney General's Office (AG) – Vanessa Deatherage informed the Council that it was consumer protection week, and the Attorney General's Office was working on educating older consumers about elder abuse and fraud issues. According to Ms. Deatherage, agency staff members are meeting to discuss several bills in the state legislature.

25th Anniversary of Centenarian Event

Anne Morrison reported the Pima Council on Aging and Tucson Medical Center produced a DVD about the 25th Centenarian celebration event and made the video available for viewing.

Committee Reports

Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) – Committee Chairwoman Bernadine Hoffman informed the Council that LPCC reviewed the short a list of legislative bills tracked by the Council's staff.

Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) – Committee Chairwoman Becky Brimhall-Lepire began with a thank you to staff member Kim Jennings for her work and to Council member Doyle Meredith for his assistance. Ms. Brimhall-Lepire reported that Margaret Mangini from the Workforce Education Development Office at the University of Arizona provided a presentation on the Workplace Employability Skills Project and Charles Thompson of the AARP Foundation provided a presentation on the Back to Work 50+ Program. According to Ms. Brimhall-Lepire, the MWC broke out into Sub-committees during the meeting and report backs were provided from each of the Sub-Committees.

Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) – Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison reported that:

- Dr. Robin Bonifas and Christine Kramer provided a presentation on bullying in late life;
- Linda Montgomery provided a presentation on the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library;

- David Besst provided the history and an overview of the lifespan respite coalition and efforts by that group to develop a voucher program, resources and an online caregiver registry. Mr. Besst also announced Caregiver Day at the Capitol on March 21st; and provided flyers about the event;
- Phil Carll of the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter updated the group on the work around the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) and the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force; and
- Cathy De Lisa provided a report from Julia Wacloff, Office of Oral Health Bureau Chief announcing the submittal of a grant application by that Department to develop a plan for oral health surveillance on older adults.

Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee (ODSRRC) – George Evanoff provided a brief update on the work of the Ad Hoc group and stated the fact sheet will be returned to the Council for review and approval once the date and partner logos and/or agency names have been added. Mr. Evanoff thanked Cydney Demodica and Allison Perrin for their contributions to the fact sheet. According to Mr. Evanoff, members of the Ad Hoc group had agreed to assist Dana Kennedy with the development of a consumer-focused fact sheet.

Announcements

Chairman C.T. Wright thanked the Committee Chairpersons and the staff for their hard work and announced Executive Director Cathy De Lisa had been asked to speak to the Fountain Hills Kiwanis Club about the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

Charles Brown announced residents in his area had received letters from a lobbyists' group soliciting funds from seniors, and that he would be sharing the letter with the AG's office.

Trudy Schuett announced the Regional Council is working with the Elder Abuse Coalition, a Senior Fair will be held on March 15, 2013 at Foothills Library, and that she is working on a media campaign related to elder abuse.

Teresa Lopez announced Maricopa Association of Governments, MAG was selected for a pilot program targeting adults aged 65 and older and supporting their desire to live independently in the community.

Doyle Meredith announced he had referred a potential victim of elder abuse to the Attorney General's office.

Jay Dunkleberger announced former AHCCCS Liaison, PJ Schoenstene will be retiring in June 2013.

Cathy De Lisa announced information from the March 7th Council Committees as well as the January meetings was available on the table located in the back of the conference room.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chairman C.T. Wright at 12:15 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for May 3, 2013; date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.